

STRIKERS WILL BE IGNORED

Pennsylvania Soft Coal Operators Decide to Employ Foreigners.

THAT IS THEIR ULTIMATUM

The Barons Believe They Can Get Plenty of Help and Say They Will Protect, if Need Be, Every Man With an Armed Guard. A Representative Meeting.

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—The soft coal operators of this state, at a meeting held in this city to-day, decided that they would parley with their striking miners no longer but would immediately procure new hands and work their mines, even if each workman required the protection of a deputy sheriff.

The meeting was held in the offices of the Berwind-White Coal Company, in the Bollitt building, and was held closed doors. About forty operators were present, representing three-fourths of the mining interests of the state.

After a session of several hours it was decided that the operators had paid enough attention to the demands of the striking miners, and, as the latter had refused the offer of \$40 cents a ton made about two weeks ago, the operators would cut off all further communication and negotiations with them and hire new men imported into the state for the purpose.

At today's meeting, a committee of three of the most prominent operators was appointed to take steps toward hiring men and putting them to work at once. One of the coal operators present, when asked where these new men were to come from, replied that there were thousands to draw from, and in New York State, where the coal business was going on. He admitted that the greater part of the new hands would probably be foreigners.

MASS MEETING AT COALDALE

Sandy Run Miners Are Without Food, Money, or Credit.

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—A mass meeting of the Haddonfield and Top mines was held at Coal Dale to-day and was attended by large delegations from all the districts in the region.

The men were accompanied by brass bands and seemed to make it a special holiday. Up to 7 o'clock to-night no action was taken looking to a settlement of the difficulties, and the business side was adjourned.

Along Sandy Run the miners are in destitute circumstances, many families being absolutely without food, with no means of procuring any, and cannot obtain credit. Many have not drawn any pay since the first of the year.

The miners are not yet aware of the action of the coal operators. Philadelphia to-day.

HUNGARY BLOODED

Watchmen Keffer Loses His Life in Protest Against the Coal Mines.

SCOTTSDALE, Pa., May 28.—Three hundred Hungarian strikers, succeeded in getting through the lines of the deputies on guard in the Myer coke works late last night. They were discovered by George B. Keffer, watchman, who attempted to arrest them.

In the struggle one of the Hungarians drew a revolver and shot Keffer in the breast, inflicting a probably fatal wound. The Hungarians fled and were not followed.

As they ran, Keffer raised himself from the ground and fired six shots after them. From the black smoke of the shot, it is thought some of the Hungarians took flight.

The cold, rainy weather to-day prevented the strikers from marching and everything is quiet.

The body of an unknown man, supposed to be that of a deputy or workman, was found in Fayette creek yesterday. There was nothing to give a clue to the identity of the man.

FIFTY CENTS OR NOTHING

Men at Osceola Ignore the Notice of the Operators.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 28.—Except for the destruction of a loading place at a country bank supplying the engines of the Altoona and Philadelphia railroad with coal between this place and Osceola the parade of almost 3,000 miners to-day passed off without incident.

The place destroyed was on the route of the train to Osceola. Men were held here and at Osceola, and were addressed by the district president of the miners' organization, Thomas Hopper, who was to be paid \$100,000 for the destruction of the place. The miners were compelled to leave the train at Osceola and to go to the mines.

The miners were told that the case of the miners ignored the notice of the operators, and that they were to accept nothing less than 50 cents a ton.

Gov. Waite Favours Arbitration

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—Governor Waite, who has been in favor of arbitration as a means of ending the labor war in the coal mines, has so stated to-day.

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Miners' Troubles Everywhere

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—Coal stocks here are being depleted at alarming rate. Every railroad running north from Chicago is getting the supplies here, and the Lake fleet is all out of the lake. The coal here will be gone in a few days.

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DELOUGED BY CLOUD BURSTS

Pennsylvania Towns Send Tales of Floods from the Sky.

BAD STORMS IN PHILADELPHIA

One Man Killed and Much Property Injured By Lightning and Water in the Quaker City—Buildings Washed Away in Norrisville—Cellars Filled in Reading.

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—This city was visited by a violent storm this afternoon, which lasted over an hour, and was accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning and torrents of rain.

While the storm was at its height lightning struck the Lighter 8, at the Williams-street wharf, instantly killing John Ogden, aged 57, the mate, and severely burning Captain Edward Kickerback, the owner. The vessel was damaged to the extent of \$500.

Reports from suburban districts show considerable damage from the storm. At Lafayette, a small town on the banks of the Schuylkill, a dam burst, wrecking two buildings and injuring the leading railroad tracks.

Lightning struck the dome of the Montgomery county almshouse, near Norrisville, and slatted the frame structure. There was a panic among the inmates, several of whom were injured, but not seriously injured.

At Norrisville, Pa., May 28.—A cloud burst in Lower Merion township, this county, this afternoon, caused damage to property to the extent of \$75,000.

The chemical works, owned by James Hall, the West Chesteron street works, and several other buildings were washed away, and the Sholly mill, of Markland Brothers, were badly damaged. The tracks of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad are piled up, like the panels of a railroad, and three crossing creeks are repairing the damage.

The State road and Crawford avenue have been changed from their channel into a lake. The damage to crops is said to be very great.

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Lightning struck the steeple of the United Brethren church, tearing a hole in the roof and injuring the structure. Several houses were severely damaged. The heavy rainfall flooded cellars and did considerable damage to crops.

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CHIEF RANSAY EXONERATED

Railway Telegraphers Make a Full Investigation and Charges are Withdrawn.

MISS POLLARD'S LAWYERS SCORE ANOTHER

Victory for Their Client.

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Lawyer Butterworth Says His Client was Detained by Sickness in the Family.

NEW FRENCH CABINET

M. Dupuy's List Includes Some Very Distinguished Names.

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